

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY-PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my citizenship, residence and post office address are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor(if only one is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled :

**MARTENSITIC STAINLESS STEEL**

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto  
X was filed on March 12, 2004 as  
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and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 , Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or § 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Application(s)****Priority Claimed**

2001-320372      JAPAN      18/10/2001  
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Yes      No

2002-221918      JAPAN      30/07/2002  
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Yes      No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 , Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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